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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO JAPAN

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR OCT 3, VICE MINISTER HOGEN EXPRESSED PLEASURE WITH PROSPECT OF SECRETARY'S VISIT TO JAPAN AND EXPRESSED DESIRE KNOW SOONEST SECRETARY'S WISHES SO THAT PLANNING CAN BEGIN PROMPTLY. HOGEN ASSUMED, OF COURSE, THAT SECRETARY WOULD BE MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER TANAKA AND FOREIGN MINISTER OHIRA, BUT SOUGHT AMBASSADOR'S ADVICE AS TO OTHER MEETINGS OR ARRANGEMENTS SECRETARY MIGHT DESIRE. AMBASSADOR SAID THAT HE WOULD CONVEY VICE MINISTER'S INTEREST TO SECRETARY.

2. IN ADDITION TO MEETINGS WITH PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER, WE ARE REASONABLY CERTAIN THAT OHIRA WILL WISH HOST DINNER FOR SECRETARY. (WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER SECRETARY PREFERS EVENING OCT 24 OR 25. I EXPECT HOST DINNER FOR SECRETARY AND CHIEFS OF MISSION ON ONE OF THOSE TWO EVENINGS.) IF SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE PERMITS, EMBASSY WOULD RECOMMEND THAT HE ALSO MEET WITH FINANCE MINISTER AICHI AND MITI MINISTER NAKASONE FOR DISCUSSION OF BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC MATTERS. OTHER PROMINENT JAPANESE ACQUAINTANCES OF SECRETARY, INCLUDING FORMER PRIME MINISTER SATO AND FUJI BANK PRESIDENT IWASA, UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY FOR AT LEAST BRIEF PRIVATE MEETING WITH SECRETARY.

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3. SECRETARY'S VISIT, OF COURSE, WILL BE FOCUS OF INTENSE PRESS ATTENTION WHICH WILL AFFORD EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR HIM TO PRESENT VIEWS TO JAPANESE PUBLIC. AGAIN IF

SCHEDULE PERMITS.

EMBASSY RECOMMENDS NHK/TV INTERVIEW
(PROBABLY 30 MINUTES WITH QUESTIONS SUBMITTED IN ADVANCE).
IN ADDITION, WE RECOMMEND PRESS CONFERENCE OPEN TO
JAPANESE AND AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS; EMBASSY BELIEVES
THIS PREFERABLE TO ACCEPTANCE INVITATION ALREADY
EXTENDED TO SECRETARY TO ADDRESS TOKYO FOREIGN

CORRESPONDENTS CLUB.

4. ASSUMING SECRETARY PLANS TO ARRIVE TOKYO ON OCTOBER
23, PREPARATION OF SCHEDULE FOR HIS VISIT WILL BE
INFLUENCED IMPORTANTLY BY SECRETARY'S DESIRES
CONCERNING PARTICIPATION IN CHIEFS OF MISSION
CONFERENCE (OCTOBER 24-25). IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL
TO OUR PLANNING WITH FOREIGN OFFICE TO KNOW SOONEST
SECRETARY'S VIEWS IN THIS REGARD.

5. WE ASSUME THAT RETURN STOP-OVER IN TOKYO ON
OCTOBER 30 WILL NOT BE LONG ENOUGH TO PERMIT ANYTHING
OTHER THAN MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER. WOULD
APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THIS POINT AS WELL AS
WHETHER HOTEL RESERVATIONS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR
NIGHT OF OCTOBER 30.
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